

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU

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4 May 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--April 1983

I. GENERAL

Abidjan became the scene of dissent on the 18th as secondary school teachers went on strike to protest the end of government-supported housing. The government responded by temporarily closing the schools, halting salaries and ejecting teachers from government-owned or leased houses. When doctors joined the protest on the 28th, President Houphouet-Boigny responded with a conscription order forcing the strikers to return to work or face jail sentences or fines. During the strike, police and army personnel were discretely posted at key locations, including schools, and a minimum of force was applied. Bureau operations were not adversely effected. Among the items processed were two lengthy Houphouet speeches and a variety of announcements. A watch was maintained on the radio and embassy officers were alerted by telephone to media reports on developments.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The American Embassy in Lagos on the 27th asked the bureau if it had monitored from Radio Bardai or Ndjamena Radio reports on border clashes between Chadian and Nigerian troops. No such reports had been monitored from any source. However, a watch was instituted. The following day, AFP, Lagos radio and the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) all carried reports on a Nigerian Foreign Ministry statement indicating that such clashes had occurred, allegedly inside Nigerian territory. All such reports were filed immediate at the embassy's request.

2. On the 12th, BBC monitored NAN carrying a test transmission for PANA, the Pan-African News Agency which is about to begin operations. The bureau monitored NAN's transmission of these tests for several days, until they were halted, although NAN has continued to periodically bring up a carrier signal on the frequency used for PANA tests, presumably to test the transmitter. Although reports of PANA's start-up date have been conflicting, it now appears the agency will begin operations on 25 May, the anniversary of the OAU's founding.

3. Libyan leader al-Qadhafi toured Nigeria, Benin, and Upper Volta at the end of the month. He arrived in Lagos on the 25th, for a 4-day visit which was described by AFP as erratic, with frequent changes in schedule, including his failure to visit as planned Kaduna State, a hotbed of Muslim activism. The joint communique, not carried in full by Nigerian media, mentioned the OAU,

Namibia, Saharan and Chad issues in general terms. In friendly Benin, al-Qadhdhafi pledged to strengthen ties with regimes in Ghana, Benin, and Upper Volta, and called on other African nations "to revolt", according to AFP. Cotonou Radio, however, did not carry the statement. The bureau remained open late on the 30th to cover al-Qadhdhafi's arrival in Upper Volta, a country which has experienced dissent as a result of the government's increasingly warm ties with Libya.

4. Accra Radio on the 22nd carried an 11-take budget statement by Finance Secretary Botwe outlining new, harsh budgetary measures to try to revitalize the Ghanaian economy. The bureau remained open late to get out advance FYI's on this speech as well as a lengthy speech by Ivorian President Houphouet-Boigny, which occurred on the same evening.

5. Goukouni Oueddi, chairman of the Transitional National Union Government of Chad, on the 15th, gave his first major speech since his ouster from Ndjamenia by Hissein Habre's FAN. The speech, carried on Bardai radio, was badly received. However, staffing arrangements had been made to bring in the monitor most familiar with the station on an overtime basis and he was able, with much effort, to provide a summary from poor reception. Reception for repeats of the speech was even worse.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. [] entered on duty the 17th to fill a teletypist vacancy. She is a Ghanaian with secretarial experience.

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2. The bureau has selected a monitor to fill the new slot recently approved by the ambassador. He is [] a Beninois who has been teaching [] probably will begin working in July, after his teaching contract is completed.

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3. On 17 April the Embassy revised its FSN wage scale to conform with the worldwide scale the State Department is trying to implement. The old Abidjan scale consisted of 14 grades, the highest being FSN 1. The numbering is reversed under the new, 12-grade scale; FSN 12 is the highest grade. Copies of the new scale are being pouched separately to Headquarters.

4. Monitor [] recently transferred from Swaziland Bureau, received a PSI on 17 April, to FSN 10/4. Chief Monitor [] and Monitor [] received PSI's on 1 May, to FSN 12/6 and FSN 10/3 respectively.

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bureau Staffers were involved in activities connected with the visit to Abidjan of a nuclear powered aircraft, the USS Carl Vinson. Engineer [] used his sources of supplies in Treichville to help ship engineers acquire needed parts. Editor [] served as liaison between the ship's chaplain and his local church group in arranging an appearance of the ship's choir and other activities. []

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[] escorted a group of local physicians through the ship's medical facilities.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 229,310
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 15,230
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 596

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7,424	27,000	115
----- (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:			
----- (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH

2,960

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

2,370

LUANDA ANGOP IN
 FRENCH

14,230

LUANDA ANGOP IN
 PORTUGUESE

BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

3,900

COTONOU EHUZU IN FRENCH

150

CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH

3,490

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

160

CONGO

BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

1,870

BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN
 FRENCH

BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN
 FRENCH

CAPE VERDE

PRAIA PODZI IN PORTUGUESE

210

CHAD

N'DJAMENA CHADIAN NATIONAL
 RADIO (ANTI-HABRE)

8,300

FRANCE

PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH

28,670

PARIS AFP IN FRENCH

20,400

PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

13,370

PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH

4,390

PARIS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN
 FRENCH

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
GAZON			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	4,100		
LIBREVILLE AFRICA NO.1 IN FRENCH	300		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
GAMBIA			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			
GHANA			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	39,960		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA GHANAIAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			2,300
ACCRA DAILY GRAPHIC IN ENGLISH			2,940
ACCRA WEEKLY SPECTATOR IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA THE MIRROR IN ENGLISH			
GUINEA BISSAU			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			
GUINEA			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	670		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			
IVORY COAST			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,000		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN FRENCH			12,900
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
LIBERIA			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	3,170		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	10,100		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUNN PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
MALI			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,800		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
MAURITANIA			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,650		
NOUAKCHOTT CHARS IN FRENCH			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
NIAHEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	150		
NIAHEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAHEY SAHEL HERDO IN FRENCH			
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	13,810		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	2,360		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	400		
NEWS AGENCY OF NIGERIA (NAN) IN ENGLISH	8,420		
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,650		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	210		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LONE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,060		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,740		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,020		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH		1,220	
KINSHASA ELIMA IN FRENCH			
LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			